

# Discussions on oral health care among elderly Chinese immigrants in Melbourne and Vancouver

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**Research aim:**

This study explored how elderly Chinese immigrants value and relate to how acculturation influences oral health and subsequent service use

**Results/Conclusion:**

The similarity of concerns in both cities suggests that dissemination of information and availability of services are the important themes influencing oral health, and that, beliefs developed over a lifetime play an important role in interpreting oral health in the host country.

**Implications:**

**Cultural Group(s):**

Chinese

**Location of study:**

Melbourne, Vancouver

**Age group:**

Elders

**Number included in study:**

4 focus groups in Vancouver, 5 focus groups in Melbourne

**Type of participants:**

Chinese elders who migrated within the past 15 years and attend local community centres

**Research approach:**

Qualitative

**Type of data:**

Primary

**Secondary data sources used:**

**Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

**Implications/ Recommendations:**

**Notes:**